

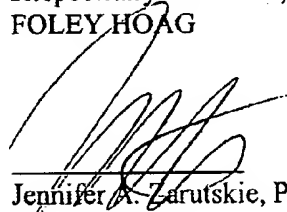
**CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe that the claims now pending are in condition for allowance, and notification of such is respectfully requested.

No fee, other than the Terminal Disclaimer fee, is believed to be due in connection with this Response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account Number **06-1448, Reference AKT-053.02**.

If, for any reason, a telephonic conference with the Applicant would be helpful in expediting prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' Agent at the telephone number provided below.

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